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# CRMC Responds To Protest Wanting Alternate COVID Treatments

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Cookeville Regional officials said only approved FDA and CDC methods will be used to treat COVID.

That after several protesters gathered at the hospital Tuesday urging the use of other treatments such as ivermectin.

“We utilize a committee of highly trained physicians and pharmacists on our medical staff to ensure our treatment protocols and pharmaceutical offerings are safe, effective and are in line with guidance of the FDA and CDC,” Chief Strategy Officer Rick Shelton said.

The Tennessee Pastors Network organized the protest for a patient who did not qualify for monoclonal antibody treatment. The infusion was FDA approved for emergency use only for those considered at high risk.

As a result, protesters demanded the use of ivermectin, which is not a FDA or CDC approved COVID treatment.

“For those patients that require higher level of care, we will make every effort possible to ensure sure that a safe transfer is affected,” Shelton said. “We will continue providing FDA approved monoclonal antibody therapy, and we urge all members of the community to wear a mask, and become fully vaccinated.”

CRMC Dr. Casey White said the hospital also uses other means to treat COVID. White said the anti-viral remdesivir, steroids for respiratory support and anti-inflammatory drugs.

The protesters also expressed concerns of visitations not being allowed for COVID patients.



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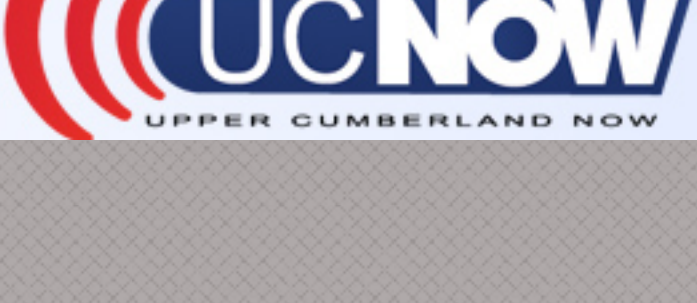
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